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repaired.

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WILL NOT BEAR ARMS.

Union Men Ordered to Quit the Ranks of the Illinois Militia. Fall River Affairs.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—One of the most im-
portant steps taken by labor in this coun-
try was that of the Chicago Federation of
Labor last night.

Trade unionists are requested by the
Chicago federation to leave the National
Guard of Illinois at once. This was the
unanimous decision decided by the dele-
gates at their weekly meeting.

It was said without contradiction that a
union man could not consistently serve in
the militia and incur the risk of being
called out to shoot down his fellow trades
unionists who were on a strike for the bet-
terment of their economic conditions. So
each trade unionist who is a member of
the Illinois National Guard will be re-
quested to secure a discharge from mili-
tary service at once.

OOTON MILL EARNINGS.

Dividend List of Fall River Corporations Shows
a Small Return.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 20.—The annual
dividend list of the Fall River mills has
been issued from the office of G. M.
Haffords & Co. and furnishes a striking
argument from their standpoint in favor
of the contention of the manufacturers
that business must be conducted on a
lower basis. As against three mills which
did not pay dividends in 1896, 11 have
passed entirely this year, and that paid
by the Amman is the result of a sale
of real estate, and does not properly
represent earnings.

The list shows an increase of \$500,000
in capital invested, the new Arkwright
mill being included in the list, although
it has not yet been put in. This
raises the total capital invested upon
which to base the amount of dividends
paid at the same figure as one year ago,
\$22,523,000. In addition to the Amman,
Fall River mill, and Barnaby
gingham mill, which has not paid divi-
dends for some time, the Conant,
Globe yarn, Laurel Lake, Metacomb,
Pocasset, Robeson, Slade, Westmore
and Kerr thread have paid their stock-
holders nothing during the past year.

The earnings of the mills as repre-
sented by the amount paid out in divi-
dends were \$775,800, against \$1,368,875 in
1896 and \$1,742,626 in 1895. This is an
average on the total capital invested.

HEEL OF AN OLIGARCHY

Boston Minister's Vigorous Attack
on Police Commission.

Said Enforcement of Liquor
System Was Farcical.

Cited Instances in Proof of His Sweeping
Assertion.

Boston, Dec. 20.—The recent attack
upon the police commissioners of Boston,
of which General A. P. Martin is chair-
man, by Rev. A. A. Beriof of this city, was
supplemented Sunday afternoon by the
same clergyman from the Tremont
temple pulpit. He alluded to the inci-
dent in which Governor Wolcott sent
the state police to investigate certain
hotels against which serious complaints
had been made, and which later were
ordered closed by the commissioners,
and asserted that these hotels would be
allowed to resume. This proposed ac-
tion, Mr. Beriof said, was enough to con-
firm the opinion of Governor Wolcott,
that he had no confidence in the police
board, with that of the people of Boston.
Mr. Beriof, in continuing his attack,
cited instances in the governing of
Boston to show that the license system
was more of a farce than prohibition
would be. In closing his criticism was:
"As the license system is con-
ducted in Boston it is absolutely impos-
sible for a man to carry on its enforce-
ment without coming head and shoulders
under the iron heel of this oligarchy."

CHANDLER A PROPHET.

Tells of Things to Happen if Gage Policy Is
Persisted In.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Chan-
dler of New Hampshire has written a
letter to the Washington Post in which
he says: "The secretary of the treas-
ury and his single gold standard as-
sociates will cease their demand for im-
possible currency legislation, congress
will pass the necessary appropriation
bills, probably take care of Hawaii and
Cuba, there will not be a serious party
division during the session and there
will be an adjournment in May. Busi-
ness will revive, the treasury receipts
will equal the expenditures, the balance
of trade will continue in our favor, and
the Republican party will in November,
1898, elect a majority of the house in the
Fifty-fifth congress.

"On the other hand if Secretary Gage
continues to press on congress a bill, the
object of which, he says, is 'first to con-
firm the country more thoroughly to the
gold standard' and the immediate effect
of which is to throw doubts upon the sin-
cerity of the president's declaration in
favor of continued efforts to secure bi-
metalism, a political turmoil will arise
in congress which will split the now
united Republicans into fragments,
while it will unite and consolidate the
now incongruous opposition. It is not
feasible to retire the greenbacks; there
is more probability that a bill will be
sent to the president to increase their
amount. It is not possible to secure the
passage through either house of a bill

3.38 per cent, against 5.95 per cent in 1896
and 8.18 per cent in 1895. The percentages
would be much smaller were it not for
the Bourne, which has paid a regular
monthly dividend of 1 per cent and an
additional dividend of 6 per cent in Aug-
ust. This mill is situated just across
the state line in Rhode Island, and is
subject to the labor laws of the latter
state, though deriving all the benefits
of the Fall River market. It also gains
through the lower tax rate to which the
property is subject.

The conference prayed for by the labor
union was held this afternoon. To the
surprise of everyone, the manufac-
turers' executive committee Saturday
signified a willingness to meet repre-
sentatives of the operatives for a plain talk
on the situation.

Condemnation of a Outdown.
Boston, Dec. 20.—Sunday the Central
Labor union devoted considerable at-
tention to the municipal campaign because
of the charge that it had been "dragged
into the mud of local politics through
indiscretions of a delegate." Resolu-
tions condemning such action were
passed.

The proposed reduction of wages in
Fall River and other New England mill
towns was discussed and vigorously con-
demned. The alleged reason for such a
cutdown (southern competition) was
ridiculed, the delegates claiming that
this furnished no adequate excuse, as
the textile workers of the north and par-
ticularly of New England are vastly
superior to the operatives of the south-
ern mills. The following resolutions
were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the members of the Ark-
wright club have prepared a Christmas
and New Year's gift for their employees in
the shape of less to live on—if such a
thing is possible—and generously drawn
their attention to the former slave of the
south in a sarcastic spirit, which for cold-
bloodedness reminds us of the task-
master, Pharaoh;

"Resolved, that we, the representa-
tives of organized labor, protest against
the proposed reduction of the wages of
the textile operatives of Fall River."
An eight-hour meeting of the labor or-
ganizations and workmen of Boston and
vicinity was determined upon for Wash-
ington's birthday, Feb. 22. The execu-
tive committee was also instructed to
draft a bill to the next legislature making
election days legal holidays.

making the greenbacks into gold notes,
or authorizing bonds payable in gold.
The effort to do either thing will prob-
ably result in the passage of a bill for
the redemption of the greenbacks in
silver dollars and for the payment of
all United States bonds in gold or silver
coin in the discretion of the president,
who will be commanded to exercise his
option for the advantage of the govern-
ment and not for the advantage of the
creditors.

"With such an uproar in congress as
these proceedings will create, with west-
ern congressmen embroiled therein, with
presidential votes, as threatened by
Secretary Gage, under angry discussion,
it will happen that all business enter-
prises and funds and stocks will be dis-
turbed and prices will fall, insolvency
will increase and the Republicans lose
the congressional election in 1898 as dis-
astrously as they did in 1890 and beyond
the hope of a favorable reaction in 1900,
at which time therefore a Bryan Demo-
cratic president and congress will be
chosen.

"Whether we are to have one of these
results—political safety, or the other,
political destruction—depends entirely
upon the course to be pursued by Sec-
retary Gage and those who are pressing
him forward, namely, the gold standard
league of New York and the self-con-
stituted national monetary conference.
How much Secretary Gage cares for the
Republican party is not known.
Whether President McKinley, whose
good faith towards bimetalism is
coming to the test, will stop his sec-
retary in his insane career is not known.
It is to be hoped he will. No political
situation has been clearer than the pres-
ent to sound eyes since the Republican
party began its marvellous career 42
years ago. There are times for all
things. There is a time to move and
a time to keep still, and now is the time
to keep still.

"It is simply political suicide for the
Republican party in this congress to
affirmatively open the discussion of the
money question and to bring on yea and
nay votes upon currency legislation.
We ought to await the progress of inter-
national bimetalism, the advent of busi-
ness prosperity and the lifting of the
treasury by the normal workings soon
to be seen of the new tariff law. Shall
we wait for these things, or rush on to
self-destruction? President McKinley
must decide. Will he act for his people
or for his plutocrats? Upon his answer
will depend the events of 1898."

Fitz Has Reconsidered.
Chicago, Dec. 20.—Martin Julian, man-
ager for Bob Fitzsimmons, stated in an
interview Sunday that the lanky cham-
pion has changed his mind and will again
meet ex-Champion Corbett in the prize
ring. Fitzsimmons was non-committal,
refusing to confirm or deny the story
and contenting himself with declaring
that he has not said he will fight Corbett
again.

Julian's statement was sufficiently
equivocal, however, to indicate that he
confidently expects the men to meet
again. "Some day before very long
we will give Corbett another chance,"
he said. "No, not now, that is a cer-
tainty, but before very long. How long
I cannot say."

Asked if it was not a concession on
the part of Fitzsimmons, Julian replied
it was not, as the idea had been in the
mind of Fitzsimmons for some time.
It is announced that Dan Stuart, who
managed the Carson City battle, will
meet Fitzsimmons and Julian here this
week and endeavor to arrange for
meeting between the big men.

BLOOD SHED NEAR TROY.

Strikers Try to Break Into a Non-Union Man's House and a Woman is Shot.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Blood has been
shed today by strikers in a suburb of this
city and excitement runs high.

Since a strike began some time ago in
the West Side foundry in the town of Col-
lins, a suburb of Watervliet, collisions between
the strikers and the men who took their
places have been frequent and the one
today resulted in bloodshed.

The trouble began this morning when
three strikers went to the house of Joseph
Rohler, one of the men who had taken a
striker's place in the West Side mill.

These men found the door of Rohler's
house barred and demanded entrance.
Being refused they began to break in the
door. That started pistol firing.

During the fusillade Mrs. Rohler was
struck in the neck by a bullet and dan-
gerously wounded. Whether she can live
or not is doubtful.

The shooting has created the wildest

excitement and high feeling. The police
are doing all in their power to apprehend
and arrest the three strikers who went
to the Rohler house.

To Hurry Bram's Trial.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The supreme
court today directed the immediate
issuance of its mandate to the lower
court in the case of Thomas Bram, con-
victed of murder in Massachusetts and
awarded a new trial.

Mandates usually issue only after 30
days, but the court today acted specially
in the case on request of the solicitor
general, who desired the mandate to go
down at once for the reason that several
of the crew of the vessel on which the
murder was committed are in jail as wit-
nesses whose testimony is wanted at the
next trial.

SAVED IN NICK OF TIME

Perilous Situation of a Family In
St. Louis.

Asleep In Fourth Story of a
Burning Building.

Floors Gave Way Just After the Inmates Were
Rescued.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—A fire started in the
basement of the building occupied by the
Mormon & Jaccard Jewelry company
Sunday, and in a short time the interior
of the five-story structure was com-
pletely destroyed. The total loss will
reach \$335,000.

The fire had been burning some time
before it was discovered. The south
wall and all the floors began falling soon
afterward, making one of the fiercest
and quickest fires in the annals of the
fire department. It is thought the fire
started in the boiler room, communicat-
ing to the packing room and, shooting
up the elevator shaft, quickly spread
over the building. W. A. Rutledge, the
engineer, and his family lived on the
fourth floor. They barely escaped. The
firemen dragged them unconscious from
their beds and carried them down a
fire escape. Five minutes later the
floors fell. Several other tenants in
the building had narrow escapes, but
there were no fatalities.

The Mormon & Jaccard Jewelry com-
pany was one of the largest in the world,
and, this being Christmas season, carried
an immense stock. One half of the
stock had been placed in the two large
vaults and was saved, but the rest, as
well as the building and fixtures, was
totally destroyed. So fierce was the
fire that not a dollar's worth of salvage
was taken out.

The Model Clock company, in the
northeast corner of the building, was
wiped out at a loss of \$50,000, on which
there was an insurance of three-fifths.

Grand Forks, S. D., Dec. 20.—Sunday
night the business portion of the city was
threatened by another fire which might
have been more destructive than that of
Friday, when the hotel Decatur, the
Mercantile company and Nash Bros.
buildings were burned. Shortly after
six o'clock smoke was seen issuing from
the first floor of the big department store
of Bonner & Boggs, and in less than 15
minutes the building was in flames and
the fire had crept into the Stanchfield
clothing house and the H. A. Stone Jew-
elry store in the building adjoining.
After three hours' work the fire was sub-
dued. The damage to the building and
stock of Bonner & Boggs will be \$55,000.
The loss to the other firms will be small.

Salem, Mass., Dec. 20.—Sunday morn-
ing the three-masted schooner Marguer-
ite, from St. John to New York with a
cargo of laths, put in here for a harbor
and anchored off Beverly Farms. The
Beverly apparatus responded, but the
schooner could not get up the beach and
was raised by the tugboat to get under
way when the cabin was found to be in
flames. The fire was found that the fire
was too much for the crew, and was
sent ashore and an alarm rung in. The
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was raised by the tugboat to get under
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flames. The fire was found that the fire
was too much for the crew, and was
sent ashore and an alarm rung in.

Boston, Dec. 20.—A number of leather
firms occupying a five-story building on
South street was damaged to a consid-
erable extent last night by a fire in the
upper portion of the building. W. B.
White & Son sustained the heaviest loss,
while the Union Leather company and
H. L. Houghton were also sufferers from
water. The total loss will be about \$5000.
The building was only slightly injured.

Missionary Association.
New York, Dec. 20.—The American
Missionary association made public this
morning its first annual report. It states
that during the last few months hun-
dreds of pupils have been turned away
from the schools for want of funds.
Eighteen new churches of several hun-
dred members have been organized in
the south and west. Interesting move-
ments are taking place in the planta-
tions of several southern states. Some
of the older churches have come forward
into self-support, and many of the new
churches present striking illustrations
of self-denial and courage under dif-
ficulties. The general summary of as-
sociation work includes 126 new schools,
14,051 pupils, 686 missionaries, 241
churches and 12,388 church members.
The total of receipts was \$401,371.08, to

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New lined Kid Gloves, worth \$1.25, for \$1.00, No.
1368.

5 A All-Wool Natural Underwear, worth \$1.50. On-
ly ability to buy makes it \$1.25.

Neckwear, 25c to \$1.25.

New Umbrellas today \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Night Shirts opened yesterday include outing flannel at
50c, 75c and \$1.00.

Many Boys Made Happy

At Cutting Corner each Christmas, and this is no excep-
tion, judging by the throngs of loving mothers visiting our
Boys' Department each day.

New Fancy Sweaters, \$1.00 to 2.50.

New Neckwear for boys, 25c.

School Umbrellas, 50c to \$1.50.

New Worsted Gloves and Mittens, 25c.

New Caps today, 50c to 75c.

New goods at special prices every remaining day until
Christmas.

Come as early as possible.

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Of whom are you thinking? Father, mother, sister or brother
There's not a one of them but would be more than tickled wit
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tens, Night Robes, Bath Robes, Dress Suit
Cases, Umbrellas, Sweaters, Caps, etc., at low-
est prices.

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Exclusive Hatters and Furnishers,
in St., No. Adams.

AT WILLIAMSTOWN.

Williamstown Interested—A Damaging Runaway—They Were Above the Storm—A Creditable Work by the White Oaks Ladies.

They Were Above the Storm.

An interesting story comes from the White Oaks in connection with the storm of last Tuesday, which was the most violent and disagreeable of the winter up to this date. On that day there was a chopping bee for the benefit of the chapel, which is heated by a wood-burning furnace. Tice Niles donated the wood, which was on a high mountain lot, and a number of men went up to chop, giving their services for the good of the cause. The fury of the storm was confined to the valleys, for at the point where these men worked it was not sufficient to interfere with their labors and they "put up" five cords of wood before coming down where wind, sleet and rain were making life so miserable. There was a time when this would have been regarded as a special dispensation of Providence, but now it is noted only as an interesting incident in the workings of nature. There will be another chopping bee Tuesday.

A Creditable Work.

The ladies connected with the White Oaks chapel have completed and issued a very neat and useful cook book which is being sold at the small price of 25 cents a copy. The book contains many recipes which have been used by the compilers and are known to be reliable, and some of the pages contain advertisements of North Adams and Williamstown merchants. The ladies have done a very creditable work and deserve the encouragement of a generous patronage.

A Dangerous Runaway.

Roy Middlebrook of Crosier's market drove to the back door of B. H. Sherman's house Saturday and went in for an order. While he was in the house the horse started and ran to Southworth avenue, where after making a few lively turns he left the wagon badly wrecked on the grounds of the D. U. society and went on some distance before he stopped. The horse's legs were somewhat scratched, but the chief damage was to the wagon.

Williamstown Interested.

A number of Williamstown citizens went to North Adams Friday night to hear Mayor Houghton's address and were greatly impressed by its candor, fairness and convincing qualities. The general impression here, where much interest has been taken in the campaign, is that Mr. Cady will be elected by a satisfactory majority. The mayor's address has been carefully read and it is recognized that with a single stroke he swept away a large collection of political cobwebs and rubbish.

The two hounds which recently go after a deer in the "Forks" and followed him away regardless of their masters, who had gone out for a rabbit hunt, returned after an absence of nearly a week. They

Joseph Reed of Riverside is moving a barn down to the road and will convert it into a cottage.

Rev. G. P. Merrett preached at Clark chapel Friday evening.

The dumping tracks in the railroad yard are being changed somewhat to make the work of dumping the coal into tenders easier.

Charles Randall is painting S. J. Kellogg's new house on Meecham street. The body color is French gray, with trimmings of dark slate color, and the shingle work on the gables is light brown. The blinds will be green and the combination will be very pleasing.

H. H. Walker has bought Frank Perry's house near the Lally mill. Mr. Perry, who has worked for the Lallys about 15 years, will soon move to his father's farm in Richmond. After he moves out Mr. Walker will repair the house and occupy it.

George, the six-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Maynard of South Williamstown, died Thursday of pneumonia and the funeral occurred Sunday afternoon.

J. T. Wells has begun handling Horton's ice cream and will probably be able to build up a large trade in the article. It is made in New York and is considered the best in the world.

Miss Carter is planning a Christmas entertainment for the primary department of the Congregational Sunday school, which will be held at the church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Christmas entertainment for the rest of the school will be held Friday evening.

were starved almost to death and looked as though they had seen very hard times.

Mrs. L. A. Hunt, whose leg was broken two weeks ago, is recovering as speedily and rapidly as could be expected.

In another column C. H. Prindle advertises a farm for sale.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Gale are spending a few days in Boston.

The roads have been tremendously rough since the freeze of Friday night.

George Rounds' fear in riding his bicycle across the wire footbridge at the state line a few weeks ago, as published in THE TRANSCRIPT at the time, has since been published all over the country, some of the papers accompanying their accounts with illustrations.

It is reported that a number of young men at the station are organizing a minstrel troupe and preparing to start out on the road.

The college term closes Tuesday for the holiday vacation of three weeks and most of the students will leave town for their homes.

"We have a fine supply of sorted hard wood, both sawed and split. Call write or telephone. T. W. Richmond's coal and wood."

A Tour for the Christmas Holidays.

Personally conducted nine-day tour, visiting Washington, D. C., Mount Vernon, Philadelphia and New York, will leave Boston, Tuesday, Dec. 28th. Five days are spent at the National Capital at the best hotels, and \$27 covers every expense. Other tours in January, February, March, April and May. For itinerary, call on or address A. J. Simmons, N. A., 211 Washington street, Boston.

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Mrs. W. F. Clark, a well known New Haven woman, has suffered constantly for 15 years. When seen at home, at 238 Congress avenue, she expressed herself as follows: "For fifteen years I have been a constant sufferer from indigestion. I would eat a meal, the food would lie for hours on my stomach like a stone and then a terrible sourness would arise in my throat. This happened after every meal I ate. Severe pains in my side added to my misery. I called in six of the best New Haven physicians, but they could not stop my food from turning sour and rising in my throat. I secured a bottle of Dr. Frost's Dyspepsia Cure at Wood's drug store and greatly to my surprise a few doses relieved me considerably. I have taken now less than one bottle and the distress and sour stomach troubles me no more. I think Dr. Frost's system of treatment is generous and honest. I give him my heartiest endorsement. The little pellets are wonderful in their power to relieve suffering."

FROST'S DYSPEPSIA CURE works wonders, gives you a new stomach; cures indigestion, loss of appetite, dizziness, etc., 25c.

FROST'S CATARRH CURE will cure any form of catarrh, 25c. Use Frost's Balsam Spray in connection, 50c.

No matter how long you have suffered, or how many doctors have failed, Dr. Frost's remedies will cure you. Ask your druggist about their unprecedented record and hand him 25c for a bottle suited to your disease; also ask him for a Frost Book telling how to get well quick.

P. J. BOLAND'S.

What Shall I Give Him?

Save you. Once inside our store, you needn't ask the question twice. Shut your eyes and pick at random. You'll get something he will appreciate.

Umbrellas, close rollers, with natural wood handles.
Canes in great variety, plain and silver mounted.
Smoking Jackets in a variety of materials and colors.
Bath Robes, Turkish and Lambswool.
Dress Suit Cases, Alligator, Russet and Cream colors.
Silk Handkerchiefs of Japanese or Pongee.
Linen Handkerchiefs of the finest Irish linen.
Neck scarfs, flowing ends, four-in-hands, tecks and puffs.
Suspenders, web and silk.
Gloves for walking or driving.
Full Dress Shields, silk and quilted satin.
Cuff Buttons, gold, silver and enamelled.
Scarf Pins, many novel designs.

Besides collars and cuffs, shirts, night robes, pajamas and everything pertaining to gentlemen's wear. And coming from here, they are sure to be highest grade and correct in style.

INSURANCE of All Kinds.....

Tinker & Ransford

Office over Allen's National Bank, North Adams, Mass. The Leading Agents

Christmas Novelties!

Buy your Christmas Gifts of Jewelry and Bric-a-Brac where you can get a Cash Reduction.

WITH EVERY EVEN DOLLAR'S WORTH OF GOOD BOUGHT AT THIS STORE WE WILL HAND YOU TEN CENTS IN CASH. There is no deception about it. We do not have to raise prices in order to divide profits with a gift enterprise. Prices remain unchanged and are invariably marked in plain figures.

Just glance over this list of Holiday Articles at prices from 25c to \$5—

Silver-backed Brushes and Combs, Silver-mounted Tooth Brushes and Brush Brooms,

Nail Files, Glove and Button Hooks, Manicure Sets, Desk Sets, Bookmarks, Paper Cutters,

Hat Pins, Stick Pins, Clocks of every kind, Cold Cream Jars, "Tunnel" Souvenir Spoons—

And a hundred other novelties to make eyes glisten on Christmas morning. All Sterling Silver warranted 925-1000ths fine. The famous Rogers' table silver—knives, forks, spoons, napkin rings, etc. And remember—

Over 2000 Finger Rings in Stock! All Sizes. All Prices.

L. M. Barnes,

The Jeweler and Optician. Wilson House Block.

The Puritan

has just completed its first year, with the December issue. It is far and away the best issue we have yet brought out. It is larger by twenty per cent, and is in every sense a well balanced, beautifully illustrated number.

The Puritan

is a journal for the refined home—the home where art and beauty and quality are appreciated. It has made a place for itself in over a hundred thousand of these homes in a single year, and is now sweeping on to others at an unprecedented pace.

The Puritan

delights the heart of every woman. No other publication especially designed for women can equal it in its general excellence—its high character and beauty.

The Puritan

should not be overlooked in making up your list of Christmas presents. Few presents that would cost so little as one dollar would give a woman so much genuine delight—would furnish her so many hours of entertainment.

Now Ready on all news stands, 10 Cts. Yearly Subscription, \$1.00 or from the publisher, FRANK A. MUNSEY, 111 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Lowest Prices...

in the city.

Great reduction in PORK for one solid week.

Pork Loins	6c.	Fresh Shoulders	5c.
Pork Chops	8c.	Sausage, 3lbs	25c.
		Lard, 3 lbs	25c.

Beef and Poultry at lowest cash prices. CASH ONLY.

W M Brown.

The People's Dental Parlors
9 Eagle Street.

Best Set of Teeth \$7.50

Painless Dentistry!

Teeth Extracted 25c. Gold Filling 75c up.
Silver Filling 50c. Teeth Cleaning 50

Teeth extracted and filled by our scientific method, positively painless and exclusively ours. Remember we guarantee all work and are specialists. Money refunded if we cannot prove to you that we use only the best materials. Gold crowns with solid gold cusp \$6. Crown and bridge work a specialty and in charge of an artist in the profession.

ALL WORK GUARANTEED 5 YEARS. LADY ATTENDANT.

SAMUEL CULLY & CO.

84 to 88 Main Street.



Book Department

We are offering a large and complete assortment of books at special prices for the holiday trade.

500 books, red buckram binding, gilt title, gilt top, rough edge, paper hardly distinguishable from finest hand-made paper. Among the writers are: Conan Doyle, George Eliot, Dickens, Hall Caine, Anthony Hope, Dumas, Bulwer Lytton, Thackeray and other celebrated authors.

Price Only 50c.

500 Poets, red line edition, hand-some gilt binding, price

50c.

200 books, handsome bindings, special price,

Only 19c.

150 books, handsome binding, gilt title.

Price Only 10c.

Children's Story Picture Books.

We are offering the largest and most complete assortment of children's picture books ever shown in North Adams.

Prices from 5c to 50c each.

Toys for the Children.

Printing Presses, Tops, Drums, Hook and ladder, Fire engines, Hose wagons, Drums, Games, And hundreds of other playthings to make the children happy.

Handkerchiefs.

See our window display of handkerchiefs, and do not fail to see the immense display of handkerchiefs at our handkerchief counter.

We have made big preparations for the greatest handkerchief business that we have ever had.

We offer 3,000 dozen of handkerchiefs from which you may make your selections.

200 dozen ladies' hemstitched and printed handkerchiefs, special value,

At 5c each,

Ladies'

hemstitched handkerchiefs, 5, 10, 12 1-2, 15, 20 and 25c.

Ladies' embroidered handkerchiefs, the most we have ever shown at special prices for the holiday trade, 5c to 83.

Embroidered handkerchiefs, trimmed with lace footing, special values, 37 1-2c to \$1.75.

Lace trimmed handkerchiefs, 10c to \$1.50. Immense assortment.

Real Duchess and Point Lace handkerchiefs, \$1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2,

2.50, 3, 3.50, 3.75, 4, 4.50, 5, 6.50 and 7.50.

Ladies' initial handkerchiefs, 12 1-2 to 25c each.

100 dozen ladies' pure linen, hand-drawn handkerchiefs, at 12 1-2 each.

Men's hemstitched handkerchiefs, 5, 10, 12 1-2, 15, 17, 19, 20, 25, 37 1-2 and 50c.

Men's initial handkerchiefs, 12 1-2, 15, 25 and 50c.

Kid Gloves.

What is a more acceptable gift than a pair of kid gloves?

Ladies White Aprons.

Aprons at 19c.

" 25c.

" 39c.

" 50c.

" 75c.

" \$1.00.

" 1.25.

" 1.50.

We have purchased an unusually large and attractive stock of fancy china dishes, vases, cups and saucers and fancy glass vases, which we shall offer at reasonable prices.

Christmas ..Presents

From our immense stock of goods you may select some suitable Christmas Gifts.

We have just received about \$2000 worth of kid gloves of our Christmas trade. We are showing the latest novelties in all colors and styles.

Some extra good values at \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75 and 2.00.

Kid gloves, silk lined, regular price \$2.50, we offer them \$2.00 a pair.

Men's Furnishings.

25 dozen men's neckties, four-in-hands, tecks, string and bow ties, choice 25c. each.

A choice assortment of tecks, puffs and four-in-hands, bought especially for our Christmas trade, 50c.

Sheets and Pillow Cases

8-4 Samuel Cully & Co. leader sheets, 45c.

9-4 Samuel Cully & Co. leader sheets, 50c.

10-4 Samuel Cully & Co. leader sheets, 60c.

42x36 in. Samuel Cully & Co. leader pillow cases, 11 1-2c.

45x38 1-2 in. Samuel Cully & Co. leader pillow cases, 12 1-2c.

Our special hem-stitched pillow cases, size 42x36 at 12 1-2c., size 45x38 1-2 at 15c.

Sterling Silver Novelties

Lowest prices.

Shopping Bags.

We are offering some good values in Boston bags at lowest prices, \$1.00 to 3.75.

Night Gowns.

10 dozen ladies' night gowns, handsomely trimmed with fine embroideries and insertion, three different styles, regular price is \$1.25, holiday price only

\$1.00.

15 dozen ladies' night gowns, fine muslin, V neck of insertion, wide ruffle of fine embroidery over shoulders, a very dainty gown, price only

\$1.25.

20 dozen ladies' empire night gowns trimmed with handsome embroideries and insertion, regular price \$1.75, holiday price only

\$1.50.

Ladies' Dressing Jackets

100 ladies' eider-down dressing jackets, colors pink, blue, red and gray, size \$32 to 42, price

\$1.25.

Special values in eider-down dressing jackets, \$1.50, 1.75 and 2.00.

Giving Flannel Night Robes.

We have purchased especially for our holiday trade a large stock of giving flannel night robes, prices 69, 75, 89c, \$1.25 and 1.50.

Fur Collarettes.

Some handsome fur collarettes, suitable for Christmas gifts.

Fancy Collars.

We have a splendid assortment of fancy lace and chiffon collars, ruffles and fancy fronts.

Pompadour ruffles.

Pompadour collars.

75 children's reefers, sizes 4 to 12 years, regular prices \$1.50 to 8.00 choice for 5-00.

Misses' jackets, special value, sizes 14 and 16 years.

Blankets.

75 all wool 11-4 blankets, regular price \$7.00, extra good value for the holidays \$5.50 a pair.

5 extra large size 13-4 fine all wool blankets. For our Christmas trade we shall offer them at \$15.00 a pair.

Blanket and Comfortables range in price from 50c. to \$15.00.

We have just received some new and dainty styles especially for the holiday trade.

Cloak Department.

Immense Reductions for the Holidays.

In order to greatly stimulate business in our cloak department and to sell as many garments as possible before Christmas, we have decided that instead of waiting until after January 1st to make big reductions on all Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks.

200 Ladies' Jackets at Less Than Cost.

One lot of about 75 Jackets, rough and smooth cloths, colors tan, blue, green, brown and black, regular price is \$15.00.

Special Value at \$9.

8 finest quality kersey cloth jackets, handsomely lined with heavy silk, regular price \$25.

Special Value at \$15.

SAMUEL CULLY & COMPANY,

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North Adams, Mass.

AT ADAMS.

What Does This Mean?

Some time ago the board of health decided that beginning the year 1888 a law would go into effect that no more pigs would be kept within the limits of the fire district. The announcement of such a restriction caused a good many of the people on the outskirts of the town to wonder just what such a law would mean. Would it mean that farmers on the hillsides who happen to be within the fire district limits desist from keeping swine? If such should be the case there is no doubt but that some vigorous protests would be made since it is a veritable fact that the keeping of swine in such cases is one of the leading benefits of the farmer. However it is not unlikely that the board of health will look into such cases and make concessions. The chief object of such a law is undoubtedly to rid the village proper of pig pens. For a long time pigs have been kept in a certain place in town and in summer the stench would permeate the air for fully a quarter of a mile. The place referred to is in the very centre of the town and it was owing to the many complaints made against it that the board of health was compelled to take action in the matter.

Found Under Peculiar Circumstances

Samuel Rivers, a young man about 19 years old, was in court Saturday morning charged with maliciously firing off a shot gun and fornication. It appeared that some time ago Rivers, in the vicinity of Commercial street fired off a gun and the contents were buried in the side of a barn close to dwelling houses. A resident complained to the police and a warrant was issued for his arrest. On different occasions when the police went to get the offender he could not be found. Last Friday evening the police in looking for him found him at the home of a neighbor. He was found in the sleeping apartment of a young lady. He was hidden beneath the mattress of a bed and thus the charge of fornication was added to the first complaint. In court the evidence for fornication was lacking and he was discharged. He was fined \$5 for the other charge. The counsel for the defense was Lawyer T. F. Cassidy and Lawyer Shaw represented the commonwealth.

Tore Off a Wheel.

An accident occurred on Myrtle street Saturday afternoon when Frank Weston while driving a horse and wagon opposite Todd's block, collided with a horse and buggy driven by Joseph Dupree and tore a wheel off the latter's vehicle. The collision was caused by a sort of blockade. A large wagon load of hay was being driven along the street and Mr. Dupree was driving close behind. Mr. Weston did not see Mr. Dupree and in trying to get past the load of hay his wagon crashed into the buggy. Mr. Weston was on the wrong side of the road, so it is understood, and will probably settle the damages.

Brass and Copper Tubing.

It is understood that when the Manne-mann Tube works at Zylonite began operations that they will no longer make steel tubing but brass and copper tubings. It is stated that the \$30,000 order which they received is for the latter tubings, and so it is that quite a number of changes in the machinery were needed before the works could begin to work on the order. At any rate it is better to see steam shooting out from the engine room and to see one or two men about the place than to have it appear like a prison yard as it has for some time past.

Tuesday Evening's Recital.

The members of the senior class are encouraged at the good advance sale of tickets for the Shakespearean recital "As You Like It," to be given in the opera house Tuesday evening by Mrs. Hannibal Williams of Boston, under their auspices. Mrs. Williams is a first-class reciter and the recital is not only entertaining but instructive. The seats are now on sale at F. E. Mole's drug store. Tickets may be purchased of the high school scholars.

The Hall Ready.

Landlord A. Blush of the Cheshire Inn has just completed some extensive repairs and changes at his hotel in Cheshire and now his dance hall is fitted up in the best possible manner for sleighing or other visiting parties. This winter when the sleighing is good he has made arrangements to entertain several parties from Dalton and Pittsfield and no doubt he will receive calls from people at this end of the county.

About the Weather.

The weather Saturday and Sunday was not the kind which pleases most people. George Shand however is wearing a bland smile and says Jack Frost is the boy for him as all the ponds are freezing up and if the weather continues to be cold he will soon begin to fill his ice houses with the congealed moisture. The school children who enter their holiday vacation now are also pleased as it affords good skating.

More Chickens Stolen.

Notwithstanding the fact that the police are giving chicken thieves about town a lively chase, several fine pit games were stolen from John Murphy's hen coop on Murray street a few evenings ago. No report was made to the police though it is thought the stolen fowls were taken by persons who were well acquainted with Mr. Murphy's premises.

A Tie Game.

The Adams high school football team played against an eleven from Renfrew at the North Adams baseball park in Zylonite Saturday afternoon and the game resulted in a tie. The score was 8 to 8. The weather was cold and both teams played a snappy game throughout. There were few spectators present.

For This Evening.

Regular meeting of Company M. The committee appointed to make arrangements for a smoke talk will give a report. Regular meeting of the selectmen. Regular meeting of George E. Hayles post, G. A. R.

Bridge Opened.

The bridge over the Hoosac river at Lodge's crossing opposite Hoosac Valley park is finished and is now open to travel. The new bridge is the one which was formerly over the river at West Main street in North Adams and is a big improvement on the old bridge at the crossing.

John Fallon of Blackinton, was the guest of Miss Lizzie Finnegan of Temple street, Sunday.

Peter Caron is having an addition built on his office off Spring street. Miss Daisy Babbitt of Orchard street took part in an entertainment at the North Adams Y. M. C. A. building Saturday evening. She gave several readings which were well received by the audience present.

Landlord Harry Donahue of the Howland house at Zylonite witnessed the McCoy vs. Creedon fight in New York Friday.

Ernest P. Bennett, who has been superintendent of S. H. Follett's livery stables on Myrtle street, has resigned his position.

James Gill of New York, formerly of this town, is here for a few weeks on business.

Dr. J. A. Crowley has returned from Boston.

Edward Riley and Thomas F. Cassidy visited friends in Pittsfield Sunday.

Frank O'Brien was the guest of E. J. Donovan in Cheshire Sunday.

George E. Anthony has moved from the corner of Liberty and Commercial streets to his new home at Morningside.

Dennis Cunningham, who has been seriously ill with fever at his home on Waldron street, is slowly convalescing.

Probate court will be held at the local court room January 6.

BLACKINTON.

John Robinson of Skaneateles Falls, N. Y., is spending a few days at his old home here.

Mark Parsons who is suffering from an attack of pneumonia, was taken to the North Adams hospital Thursday.

The operetta "Bo Peep," is to be given in Temperance hall Tuesday evening, by talent from North Pomnal and a chorus of 40 voices under the direction of H. R. Miner.

Social hall was crowded Friday evening at the Blackinton school Christmas exercises. The exercises were greatly enjoyed by the large audience and all present were proud of the excellent work done by the children. Much credit is due Principal M. W. Thomas and the teachers for the success of the affair, also to Miss Grace A. Davies, teacher of music in the schools here, who had charge of the musical program. The tableaux, "Rock of Ages" and "Shepherds on the Watch," the nodding song by six little girls, the song, "Jesus Bids Us Thrive," and the singing of Master John Kenney were especially fine.

GREYLOCK.

Master Henry Villeneuve is quite sick. The children of the Greylock Sunday school are rehearsing for a cantata "Santa Claus' Dream" which they will present in the hall Tuesday evening December 21. It is very pleasing to note the great rise in the valuation of real estate in this vicinity during the past few months, \$1,000 being asked for a small piece of land large enough to build a waiting room upon at Greylock switch. At this valuation land in this part of the city is more valuable than on Main street in the center of the city. We hope that the assessors will bear this piece of land in mind when assessing valuation.

A VITAL QUESTION.

Asked by Hundreds of North Adams People—A Citizen Answers It.

Our citizens who have been entrapped into reading an innocent looking piece of newspaper composition that turned out to be a cleverly worded introduction to some proprietary medicine advertisements always stops the perusal of it when they discover the fraud, some with impatience, some mentally vowing they won't be foolish again. Other readers who are honestly searching for a remedy advertised in their daily paper, drop on one and invariably the first question asked is can this be true? This leads to a more important one, why don't they publish local testimony instead of forever asking us to believe statements of some one whom we are not sure even exists? Carefully read the following and see if it does not fill the bill:

Miss Minnie Wade of 18 Richview avenue, says: "My kidneys troubled me since I was a child. In fact I can hardly remember when they did not. Very much of the time I was so utterly miserable that I could do nothing. A weak back and backache hung to me most of the time accompanied by a depression and tired feeling that unfitted me for anything. Dizziness, headache and urinary difficulty were added to my trouble and I certainly was in bad shape. The impressive statements in our city papers referring to the cures of kidney disease made by Doan's Kidney Pills induced me to give them a trial. I used many remedies before, and I had employed physicians who treated me for the kidneys but I received little or no benefit.

"I was suffering intensely when I obtained a box of Doan's Kidney Pills from Burlingame & Darby's, but from the first dose I felt them doing me good. They stopped the backache. The frequent inclinations to urinate ceased. I have felt so much better every way since taking them I have no objection to your referring to me. Doan's Kidney Pills have done me more good than anything else and I am only too glad to recommend them."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitute.

Notice!

I have decided to discontinue the Ready-made Department of my business and to conduct a first-class Gentlemen's Furnishings and Tailoring Business.

On Friday, Dec. 10, we began to close out this department and will offer all ready-made garments, without reserve, at prices that will move this stock at the earliest possible moment.

No trading stamps will be given on Ready-made Clothing during this Closing Out Sale.

Chas. E. Legate,

Park Street, Adams.

Too much stock, too little cold weather!

The result—Some very striking bargains in good, serviceable, finely-tailored Winter Suits and Overcoats

that must command the attention of everyone who looks for good quality for little money. Here is part of the story. All-wool suits \$4.50. All-wool cashmere suits, splendid values at 4.50, 5, and \$6. Strictly wool Kersey overcoats, blues and black, \$6. Everything in furnishings at the same low prices.

M. Gatslick,

RELIABLE CLOTHIER AND GENTS' FURNISHER.

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Therefore it follows that you will find the greatest satisfaction in making purchases from our beautiful stock. Useful and ornamental goods—marked low and with plain figures. Come

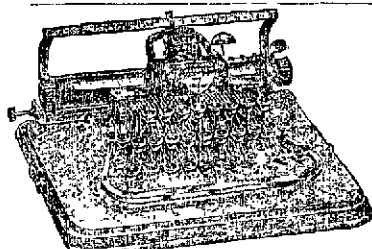
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C. H. Mather.

Christmas Slippers

We've thought of all the people that give slippers for Christmas and provided for them most generously. You'll find here a tremendous assortment—fleece-lined, fur-trimmed Satin Slippers in different colors. Felt Slippers, Dongolas, etc. Lamb's wool insoles for crochet slippers. Leggings and Over-gaiters—all at stirring prices.

F. N. Ray, "The Shoeman."



We don't ask you to come to us. We'll go to you. Call up 245 or get word to us anyway, that you want to see that

\$35 Typewriter.

We don't ask you to buy it till you've tried it. The Blickensderfer is a wonder.

Berkshire Cycle Co.,

92 Main St., Hoosac Court.

North Adams Employment Bureau.

I have established a first-class employment bureau at Room 7, Kimball Block, Main street, where I shall be able to supply domestic help. I shall use my best efforts to secure a satisfactory class of help and will relieve patrons of all trouble in hiring.

J. A. GEORGE, Prop., Office hours: 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

PILES Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment will cure Blind, Bleeding and Itching Piles. Rubs out the tumors, allays the itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared for Piles and itching of the private parts. Every box is warranted. Buy drugs only by mail on receipt of price, 50 cents and \$1.00. WILLIAMS' MANUFACTURING CO. Prop., Cleveland, Ohio. Send for Free Book. Main Street

CHRISTMAS AT FOUNTAIN'S!

The store is filled with gift goods. Nowhere else in the city will you find such an assortment.

Dolls, Toys, Pocketbooks, Christmas cards, Calendars, Games,

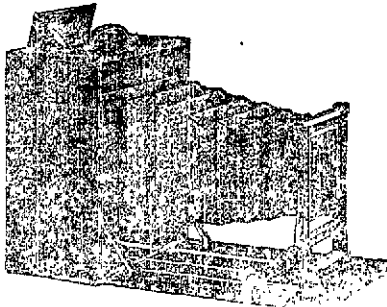
Transparent Slates, Pillow Dex, Paints, Scrap Books, Toilet Cases,

Work Boxes, Toy Banks, Lap Tablets, Masks, Ink Stands, Box Papers,

Photo Albums, Match Safes, Paper Knives, Juvenile Books, Society Stationery,



KODAKS Put a Kodak on your Christmas list. We have them \$5 to \$25. The latest is the Falcon. A few more Hawkeyes \$6.37. A full line of Kodaks.



F. G. FOUNTAIN,

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NORTH ADAMS.

\$1.98 \$1.69 \$1.48

Three Big Bargains

IN

FANCY ROCKERS.

Forty-five of Those \$1.98 Rockers

Sold in one dayshows how the people appreciate a good thing.

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EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY AT

Santa Claus' Headquarters, Frear's Bazaar,

Troy, - - New York.

Lognettes—In great assortment from \$1.47 to \$10.00.

Opera Glasses—In handsome variety at from \$1.25 to \$12.00.

Lognette Chains—In handsome variety at from 50c to \$5.00.

Ink Stands—In beautiful assortment, at 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c and 90c at Frear's Stationery Department.

Gold Dress Pins and Buttons—For children at 47c, \$1.00 and upward to \$2.00.

Fancy Watches—In beautiful variety. Silver watches from \$2.97 to \$9.00. Gold watches from \$6.97 to \$30.00. Enamel watches \$11.47.

Christmas Cards—Christmas booklets, Calendars, etc., in the newest and most exclusive styles, at lowest prices, at Frear's.

Stick Pins—From 75c upward at Frear's. Beautiful styles at dry goods prices.

Gold Collar Buttons—From \$1.00 to \$3.05 each.

Baby's Gold Bib Pins—In handsome variety at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.47 per pair.

Gold Brooches—In handsome variety from \$3.97 upward.

Lace Curtains—In Nottingham, Irish Point, Tambour, etc., etc. Prices begin at 79c and go all the way up to the price scale. If you wish to see an elegant pair ask to see our \$25.00 curtains.

Antique Bed Sets—And Nottingham bed sets in excellent variety at Frear's Upholstery Department.

Silk Cords—For Christmas fancy work at from 8c to 50c per yard at Frear's Upholstery Department.

Christmas Clocks—Dainty porcelain clocks \$1.00. Handsome porcelain clocks at \$1.50. Beautiful porcelain clocks at \$1.75. Eight-day clocks, handsomely decorated porcelain cases, striking the half hour on cathedral gong, at \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00 and \$8.50, worth double the prices marked.

Eight-day enameled iron case clocks. 1-2 hour strike on cathedral gong, at \$6.50, \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$9.50 each. We are showing some very pretty gilt clocks at \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5 each. Alarm clocks, nickel or enamel cases, 75c each at Frear's.

Writing Sets—Consisting of blotter, paper cutter and stamp box, only 35c. Fancy box stationery 25c, 30c, 50c and upward at Frear's Stationery Department.

Pen Holders—Pearl handle pen holders, with pen, 25c. Porcelain pen holders, with pen, 25c, at Frear's Stationery Department.

Celluloid Novelties—All hand painted. Handkerchiefs boxes 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Glove boxes 25c; 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Jewel boxes, 25c and 50c. Stamp boxes 25c.

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—John A. Andrew.

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H. T. CADY.

REPUBLICANS IN THIS CITY ELECTION.

There has been an attempt made to make the Republicans of this city feel that they were politically bound to support the city ticket headed by Harry Hamer. That ticket is represented as the "straight" Republican ticket, honestly nominated, and in some way vitally associated with the great principles of the national party. Mr. Hamer's election is represented as vital to the Republican party. Harry Hamer, who declared before the caucus that he would be a candidate, whether or not nominated by the Republicans, ready to be a bolter, is claiming party support. The Republican caucus were packed, a fact not disputed and which, his followers do not dare to have investigated. The convention which nominated him was so far from being honestly Republican as to have a Democrat among its delegates, and nominated for one office a pronounced silver Democrat. These facts give Mr. Hamer's standing as a "straight" Republican nominee. He is not straight. To vote for him is to approve of the most outrageous violation of Republican caucuses. It is to invite a continuance of caucus packing in future Republican caucuses in this city. It is to approve of Republican candidates, who have no loyalty to the party and are ready to bolt if they cannot secure the nominations they desire. No Republican who wants to see HONEST Republican politics in this city in the future will vote for Harry Hamer tomorrow. To vote against him tomorrow is to serve the party by rebuking the methods whereby he secured a dishonest nomination.

There is another view to take of all city elections and it is a view sustained by highest Republican authority.

Governor Wolcott is the leader of the Republican party in Massachusetts. No one has ever questioned his loyalty to that party or his fidelity to its principles. He recently declared in a public address that "Municipal elections are municipal affairs, and not state, or national elections as some people think."

These words of Governor Wolcott, the Republican standard bearer in this state, may serve to reassure those persons, if any there are, who are at all disturbed by the Tinker contention that Republicans must carry their party politics into city elections.

Governor Wolcott is right. His party standing is as good as Mr. Tinker's.

Line Up, Gentlemen! Line Up!

"Line up, gentlemen! Line up for honesty, for decency and for good government! Too long your wearied ear has been assailed by falsehoods, misstatements and calumny. Denude of every argument—their calumnies exposed, Daniel, Ira, Elmer, and John stand down the field shouting, 'We are the toilers! We are the people! Oh! trust us! Oh! believe us!'"

"In secret conclave, they have determined that the word should be passed along to raise the cry of the 'classes against the masses.' Oh! gentlemen, it is a dangerous cry. When the French Revolution shook the civilized world, Danton, Hebert and Robespierre rode, for a time, the storm, but, they could not stay the whirlwind they had aroused. They too, cried, 'Down with the classes.' At whom do Daniel, Ira, Elmer and John aim their venomous shafts? At a sturdy Vermonter, who in his early manhood came to dwell within the shadow of Greylock, who prospered because he was able, who built upon the ruins of an insolvent and decayed corporation great buildings that are monuments of his ability, energy, and genius, where the busy hum of industry makes music for tolling hundreds. Line up gentlemen. Line up for honor, for decency and for good government. This man and men like him, who have worked their way up step by step, from the lowest rung of the ladder, are of the bone and sinew of this community and you will not believe Daniel, Ira, Elmer and John, that it is a shame and disgrace, that they should have a share in the government of this city. Let not a mayor, who will be unable to atone for his mistakes by his ability, be heralded by the clamorous voices of the disappointed. Put the future of your city in safe hands. Line up gentlemen. Line up."

Party politics should have no place in municipal affairs. The question, who the next mayor of this city shall be, is not a political question at all. Both candidates are of the same political faith and no question of party policy to consider.

In choosing between the candidates, the voters should act as citizens and not as partisans. Each citizen should consider only the welfare, good name and best interests of the city. Each voter should act as he thinks it his duty to act and in voting be guided only by the dictates of his own conscience.

THEIR METHODS.

The American savage will not allow himself to use poisoned arrows, even in mortal combat. Rude and uncivilized though he is, something within his breast, forbids him the use of poisoned weapons in cases of the direct necessity.

The opponent of Mr. Cady and his supporters have not scrupled to use the poisoned arrows of slander and calumny against him. The candidate from the first ward has not only maligned the mayor and city officials but he has traduced the good name and fair fame of the city as well. In addition to this, the press supporting him has abounded in libelous statements and scurrilous cartoons. This has been the plan of campaign on the one side. On the other side the contest has been conducted honestly, decently and manfully.

The people of North Adams are intelligent and sagacious and their sober sense and good judgment will settle the question.

We believe that they will declare themselves unmistakably against Mr. Hamer and his followers.

We believe that they will rebuke his methods as being dishonest, shameful and outrageous.

We believe that they will elect Mr. Cady, a candidate whose aims are high, whose motives are commendable and whose methods are honorable.

But we warn the people of this city that between now and tomorrow night resort to any tactics, to any form of misrepresentation and falsification may be expected. Don't believe the eleventh hour lie.

CONSIDER THE RECORD.

Let the citizens of North Adams consider the accomplishment of the following work by the present administration before voting to put in power the critics of this administration who have only talked.

The North dam completed and placed in use.

The police station repaired and the new district court room arranged with fire-proof vault.

Eight miles of sewers laid and 100 catch basins put in.

Four and one-half miles of water mains laid.

Two miles of new concrete sidewalk laid and two-thirds of a mile repaired.

Center street, Monument square, and a part of Union street macadamized and State street given a coating of macadam.

Three and one-half miles of new curbing laid.

Three new school houses and gymnasium built, also an eight-room addition to the Church street school house.

Drury academy and the Church street school placed in perfect sanitary condition.

The police signal system instituted.

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SAMPLE OF HANER "STRAIGHT" REPUBLICANISM.

Mr. Hamer has been asking men to vote the "straight" ticket for mayor. Mr. Hamer has evidently forgotten a little incident in his career that has a very pertinent bearing on this matter.

A year ago John E. Magenis was nominated without opposition in the Republican convention, as a candidate for representative. He was elected to that office by about 40 majority. Mr. Hamer endeavored to defeat Mr. Magenis by a recount and signed a petition to that effect. A recount was had but the result was not changed. Why did Mr. Hamer oppose the election of Mr. Magenis a year ago?

Mr. Hamer was a Republican and Mr. Magenis was a Republican who had been unanimously nominated by the Republicans of this district. Mr. Magenis was not running for a local office. He was running for a state office, where state questions were involved. But Mr. Hamer opposed him and wanted him unseated.

Why was not Mr. Hamer "straight" on the Republican question last year? What reason can he give for demanding that Republicans "vote straight" on a purely local question this year? Perhaps Mr. Tinker can better answer this question.

There is no contest for school committee or library committee. Mr. Ford has a clear field for long-term assessor and will be elected of course. His nomination by the "straight" Republicans proves that they let down party lines. As between Mr. Bowes and Mr. Birch for the one-year term, voters will do their own judging as between the fitness of the men.

Fitness for office should be the one rule of voting all along the line tomorrow.

It will be Cady.

Cady men on guard.

Ready for the verdict.

H. T. Cady is a man broad enough to be mayor.

Vote for H. T. Cady and rebuke caucus packing.

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H. T. Cady has paid labor several millions of dollars in this city.

H. T. Cady has executive ability developed by 30 years in business.

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H. T. Cady has made no pledges. He has no hungry office seekers urging his election.

What about the ticket below the mayor? Choose the best men as you know them.

Vote for H. T. Cady and rebuke the man who has no party loyalty only as he can get the nomination he wants.

H. T. Cady has stooped to no misrepresentation in this campaign and to no false charges against his political opponents.

Two whole weeks and Harry Hamer has not answered as to his misstatements and false charges. Why has he waited till the night before election to make his defense? Because it would be riddled before 24 hours if opportunity was given. But his defense will not fool any one.

If a jackal could take human shape and put his cowardly and loathsome nature in



H. T. CADY.

The Man Whom the People of North Adams Will Elect Mayor. Because:

The people can trust him. As a private citizen or public official he has always done his duty.

Thirty years experience as a business man has made him an executive man of first rank.

Experience in public life has fitted him for an office that demands tact and dignity alike.

Firmness of character and unswerving courage insure his performing his public duties rightly.

He knows the people of all classes, having risen in life from the rank by dint of hard labor.

He is a fair man, and approachable by all his fellow citizens, whose interests he makes his own.

Honor, honesty, fairness, courage, courtesy, independence, and genial personality fit him.

COUNCILLOR AND OTHER CANDIDATES.

The voters of this city tomorrow have an important duty to perform in the choice of other city officers than the mayor.

The seven councillors to be chosen are important officers, and with party lines down there is but one rule for every voter to follow—vote for whom you believe to be the best five men on the whole ballot.

Vote conscientiously and you will vote right. Where there is such a man as E. S. Wilkinson, with years of experience in the finances of the town and who has been a conscientious officer of the present city government, there should not be a doubt as to the wisdom of electing such a man. A straight and honest labor representative will be elected to the council. Choose wide-awake men, and men who are of good business judgment. There should be no party bias in this matter. The best men for the office, irrespective of party are the men to vote for.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

Antony Speaks Again.

"A Lacedaemonian mother had five sons in a battle that was being fought near Sparta, and seeing a soldier that had left the scene of action, eagerly inquired of him how affairs went on. 'All your five sons are slain' said he. 'Unhappy wretch,' replied the woman, 'I ask thee not what concerns my children, but what concerns my country.' 'As to that, all is well,' said the soldier. 'Then' said she, 'let them mourn who are miserable, my country is prosperous and I am happy.'"

The spirit which lighted up and lived in that mother's heart was love of home, love of country. It was patriotism in the noblest form. She did not inquire, 'what of my sons? Are they alive or slain?' but 'How goes the battle? Is my country safe?'"

The same spirit of patriotism was a flame in every mansion, every home and every hamlet, in the city of Sparta. It was inborn and inbred in every citizen high and low, rich and poor. It controlled the purposes and thrilled the soul of every Spartan. This unselfish, self-sacrificing love of country elevated Sparta to the foremost position in Greece. Without it she would have stood still; before it envy, selfishness, revenge, jealousy and greed slunk away. Shall North Adams imitate Sparta?

Can any city prosper or have a healthy growth without this Spartan spirit? There in far-off Sparta was taught patriotism, which sacrificed life itself, that Sparta might live; here, in North Adams, a doctrine is taught, as patriotism, which would sacrifice the city's good name, and disgrace its leading men, that envy, selfishness, revenge and greed may live and triumph.

With such elements at the foundation of our city government, will North Adams grow or will she be defamed and disgraced, while they, who plot and scheme for personal and ignoble ends, prosper? Without sound and healthy citizenship can North Adams be lifted to that position, among her sister cities, in this commonwealth she may easily take, if her affairs be shaped and controlled by that love and patriotism which beamed from the Spartan mother's face, and rung out, so clearly in the address of the mayor of North Adams, last Friday night? Who heard a word, in that address, that savored the least particle of partisanship or revenge? No one. It was an example of noble and patriotic citizenship seldom witnessed. The spirit that pervaded the whole address, was not revenge, or what of any administration or my friends, but what concerns our city. With 'charity toward all and malice toward none' Mayor Houghton treated this city to an example of true, broad and noble citizenship, as worthy of imitation as Spartan patriotism. Though the target for weeks, for the abuse and libels of the Hamer press, not a word escaped his lips, in return. Not once did he swerve from what he considered his duty. It was a display of character that his maligners may well emulate.

While we were being treated to such an exhibition of lofty citizenship, B. R. Tinker, (see his letter confessing it), the old-time political boss, who flourished until the blow of the political houseman fell upon the block, and the head of the all powerful collector of internal revenue, dropped into the waiting basket, was going about our streets like a ghost from those old days, when the so-called Tinker ring had fastened its destructive tentacles upon the body politic, when in this town buildings were blown up and burned, municipal records were destroyed and the town treasury looted; teaching that brand in the Republican caucuses is justifiable if successful, that patriotism is identical with stealing Republican primaries. With a difference in the method, in the citizenship which rung out in every sentence of the mayor's address, and that which breathes forth the doctrine that fraud is justifiable, and that a Republican nomination rightfully belongs to him who steals the primaries.

That unholly preaching snacks too much of that morality, which believes that having stacked the deck, in the harmless old game of endure, it is your opponent's duty to stand by the deal. It takes on a color too much of those days when Republicanism in this town was co-extensive with Tinkering.

At the bottom of a man's acts lies the motive for them. May we not try and dig up this motive? Is it that weary of the load, he seeks to hoist his little boy now old enough to go alone, on to the shoulders of the city, where he may drool, sipping of the public milk?

No matter the motive, let us not inculcate or approve of a doctrine that fraud in primaries is ever justifiable. If we Republicans are to have the right to vote for nominees of our own choosing, it will never be while we murmur of packing of caucuses with Democrats, by voting for the nominee, who is such, only, by reason of the fraud. If we now condemn the theft by our votes, nominees will hereafter understand that straight, honest politics only, will receive the support of Republican voters.

What we, the voters of North Adams, Republicans, Democrats or otherwise, ought to inquire about in municipal affairs, is not what concerns our city, so that we may be able to say 'let them mourn who are miserable, my country is prosperous and I am happy.'

ANTONY.

The Mayor's Speech.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT.—Being one of the great crowd who attended the meeting at Odd Fellows' hall Friday evening, I wish through your columns, for myself, at least, to publicly thank our mayor for the privilege of listening to his talk. North Adams has never before heard such an open, honest, frank, straight-forward, shoulder-to-shoulder talk. Those who missed it lost a treat. It was a surprise and delight to the friends of the mayor; to his enemies it brought only dismay and shame, if that was possible, and I trust it is.

The mayor felt that his administration was on a trial and the way he conducted the case, put in the evidence and summed up the argument was as pretty a thing as one cares to hear. The interest that was taken was shown by the fact that though the hall was crowded and the talk was an hour and a half long no one thought of leaving or giving other than the closest attention to the words of the mayor. There was no attempt to conceal anything. There was a frank statement and

explanation of the plans and doings of the administration during the past two years. Many things had been done which at the time we did not understand but that night cleared them all up and no one could doubt when, at the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was given the mayor, that the administration had been perfectly vindicated.

His Honor never introduced a word of politics nor did he arraign the opposition, neither did he have one word to say against his enemies who have made him suffer the past few months, and the latter more than any other one thing reveals the true manliness of the man.

Daniel and Ira and John and Elmer and even "the Little Giant,"—small lights among the greater ones, will never be able to stem the tide. Of what use then the meeting tonight? Why hold longer to a lost cause? Why pay goodly money for a hall simply to talk about your many good qualities and virtues?

The meeting will prove an "eye opener" to the Hamer forces and will oblige them to open a "profit and loss" account in their book of votes.

The plan and purpose of the administration has been unfolded, the advancement that it has made has been shown, our present mayor is to step down and out and we must have a new one to carry on the work. Can anyone doubt that H. T. Cady is the man? Let us all rally to his support.

T. P.

THE DAY DRAWS NIGH

WHAT THE GREATER NEW YORK IS TALKING ABOUT.

The New City Will Soon Be a Fact, but Celebration Plans Are Yet Unformed.—Andrew H. Green and J. S. T. Stranahan Apparently Forgotten by Their Townsmen.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—[Special.]—In less than two weeks the Greater New York, for so many years a magnificent dream, will be an actuality. But as yet no definite plan for celebrating the dream's coming true has been decided upon.

The prospect is that there will be no co-ordinating of the celebration. Nobody regrets the abandonment of Mayor Strong's plan for a wake-over the dead past, yet in the circumstances nobody could reasonably have expected him to propose anything else. Had Mr. Low been the successful candidate, or even General Tracy, it would have been different. But for the gallant Ohio candidate to lead or take part in a morning parade at the beginning of a long Tammany regime would really be asking too much. Some there be who wonder why the elected officials of the coming administration do not get up an official blow-out, but others agree that their backwardness in this matter is born of exceeding good taste.

Undoubtedly Tammany will have its own private celebration, the fact being of New Year's eve this year will probably be more numerous and more vigorous than usual, and one of the so-called yellow journals has a plan for providing an escape valve for the popular joy which shall at the same time work great glorification into itself, but that is all. Those who drew the charter of the greater city are content without ostentatious display. When they were working so hard on the legal measure under which the new municipality is to come into being they hoped and believed that they and their friends would have control of its first administration. The voters failed to confirm their hopes and their enemies are about to take possession. Who can wonder at their attitude?

Whether there is anything in the newly started talk that an effort may be made by the Republicans to have the charter repealed at Albany this winter it is hard to say, but such action would be almost or quite unprecedented and would undoubtedly be resented by a majority of all New Yorkers.

New York Is Forgotten.

There are two men, one living in the borough of Manhattan and one in the borough of Brooklyn, to whose efforts more than to those of any other hand down the coming consolidation is due. They are Andrew H. Green of New York and J. S. T. Stranahan of Brooklyn. And even if any one is to be blamed for lack of it should be these two men. For long years both labored enthusiastically, giving freely of their substance as well as of their time and energies to promote the municipal union that is now their realization. Yet in all that has recently been said by the papers, by platform orators and by after dinner speakers about the coming event they have been mentioned rarely, if at all. Surely such forgetfulness is not creditable, especially on the part of the Tammany men who now seem to dwell in the promised land with Mr. Green and Mr. Stranahan, and who so many years ago.

Possibly there is reason for Tammany's attitude toward Mr. Green and Stranahan. For many years they have been a source of embarrassment to the city's birth. At all events Mr. Green has often opposed Tammany's schemes. He was one of the most persistent, most effective opponents of the Tweed ring in the early twenties, being a compiler at that time, and a contributor to the cause of the ring's downfall. Although a Democrat, he is not a Tammany man, and has not been for years.

Green and Stranahan Now.

Yesterday I called on both these men. Mr. Green has never been willing to give his exact age, but he was an active business man in the thirties and must now be nearly 80. Yet in spite of his advanced age he is still active and goes every day to his office at 211 Broadway, near Fulton street. His hours are not now so long as they once were—he begins office work at 9:30 and leaves at 2, or thereabouts. But his mental forces seem yet unimpaired, and his grasp on affairs is as strong as it ever was. Two or three years ago he was feared for his health, but he had been permanently weakened by a severe attack of the grip, but he now declares himself as sound as a dollar and goes as regularly to business when the weather is bad as when it is good. He did not say so, but he is evidently somewhat chagrined by the fact that his work has so soon been forgotten by his townsmen.

Mr. Stranahan now lacks only one year of 80, and though wonderfully preserved for one so old is much more broken than Mr. Green. Mr. Stranahan has not been able to attend regularly to business for nearly three years, and, barring an occasional carriage drive, passes his time at his comfortable Brooklyn home in Union street. Only once in the last year has he ventured out on business intent. Then he attended a trust company's meeting. Unless he becomes appreciably stronger he will not repeat the experiment for the exertion and excitement weakened him perceptibly.

Yet he is still much interested in the coming consolidation. His first words after the greeting yesterday were in the form of a question regarding a probable celebration.

Two Eminent Citizens.

All their lives Mr. Green and Mr. Stranahan have been devoted to the welfare of their respective cities. They have chosen to enter into national affairs there is no question that their names would have been among those best known from coast to coast.

THE TWELFTH CENSUS

Congress Preparing For the Next Counting of Noses.

A CHANCE FOR THE SPOILSMEN.

The Census Bureau Is Not Under the Civil Service Rules and Affords a Convenient Asylum For Political Hackers—Obstacles to the Whalers' Relief Expedition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—[Special.]—In a little more than two years the twelfth census of the United States will be taken, and Congress is already making preparations for it. It has been decided that the employees of the census bureau shall not be elected through civil service competitive examination. The friends of civil service reform were anxious to have the merit system applied to this important work, but they knew it would be useless to make the effort. Such a large part of all the government employment is already under the civil service that very little is left for the spoilsmen and politicians, and these gentlemen have been waiting for the census work to find places for their henchmen. In taking the last census some 3,000 or 4,000 persons were employed here in Washington alone, and they were appointed through political influence. Although the character of the men who made the census enumerations out in the country appears to have been pretty good, such was not the case in the office of the bureau here. It is within the mark to say that the census cost \$1,000,000, which is perhaps 25,000,000 more than it would have cost if the merit system had been adopted in hiring clerks here.

Eleventh Census Scandals.

The bureau was made a sort of hospital for the poor relatives of senators, congressmen and others possessing influence. Men were employed at good salaries irrespective of their usefulness. Women were given places to please their patrons and friends in off-hand life, and all the scandals that lurked underneath the roof of the census office had been laid bare the good public would have had a great shock. The eleventh census cost the government about \$1,500,000, which in the opinion of experts is several millions more than is necessary to secure the proper result.

One reform which congress seems determined to make is to limit the number of subjects which the census shall investigate. In taking the eleventh census pretty much every sort of inquiry known to the investigator of industrial and social conditions was made, and often at an expense wholly out of proportion to the value of the material secured. The primary aim of the eleventh census was to ascertain the population of the country, and while many other things of importance may properly be inquired into the feeling is now very strong in congress that there should be a limit upon the number of special inquiries made. Some of the statistics gathered at great expense in the last census have not even yet been published, though it is nearly time for a new enumeration. Senator Carter, chairman of the census committee, pertinently suggests that statistics of 8 or 10 years old cannot have much value.

Limitations of Reindeers.

In the opinion of competent authorities the government is making a mistake in depending upon reindeer as the motive power for the relief expeditions which are being sent out to succor the crews of whaling ships caught in the ice to the north of Alaska and the miners on the Yukon river. The reindeer is a good draft animal when the conditions are just right, but he is a queer beast in that he balks at the slightest provocation. He is contrary, peevish and ugly. When he has a fit, he is as bad as a mule. He may be used for a day or two at all right, and then he will turn and give so much trouble that only native drivers can do anything with him. The reindeer has an unfortunate habit of running away at night. Twenty years or more ago Baron Nordenskiöld of Sweden took a herd of reindeer to north Spitzbergen and wintered there, intending to start with a sledge expedition over the ice toward the north pole during the next spring. But one stormy night all his deer escaped to the mountains and none of them was ever captured.

This is a rock which the relief party that is now on the way to Alaska in the Bear will have to run. If they succeed in landing their supplies and getting away on their long journey to Point Barrow with their reindeer herd, the first thing they know their animals may conclude to stampede to the mountains. If this happens, the expedition will be ruined. Another difficulty with reindeer is that they cannot live on the country unless grass or moss can be found, and it is difficult to find grass and moss in winter when the snow is so deep. Practically all the provisions will have to be taken along, and as a reindeer must have four or five pounds of food per day it is easy to see that he will soon eat up all he can draw.

Advantages of Dog Power.

With dogs as the motive power there is the advantage of being able to feed them whatever can be shot—beaver, walrus, seal, foxes, anything. If worst comes to worst, dogs can be fed on fish. In case of an emergency a dog can be kept alive and in harness on less than a pound of food per day, and even with this small ration he will give good work. The experienced men here think the war department would have done better to depend upon dogs rather than reindeer as their motive power in these two relief expeditions.

There is also doubt as to the advisability of sending the expedition toward Point Barrow to relieve the whaling crews. A well known Arctic traveler said today it would be easier to reach the north pole in the spring, as Lieutenant Perry proposed to reach it, than to take a sledge expedition from St. Michael's to Point Barrow. If the crews of the imprisoned whaling ships have not enough food to last them through the winter, about which there is some doubt, they can easily save themselves by marching south along the coast until they reach the whaling stations. It is much easier for them to march south with little to carry than for a relief expedition, heavily laden with stores, to go north to them. Besides, if the whalers took the matter in hand early enough they could have started on their southern journey as early as last September, while the relief expedition will not be able to set out overland till about Jan. 1 or in the case of the dark Arctic winter.

WALTER WELLMAN.

"There is an old woman," says a London paper, "who has a milk stand in St. James' park who has stood at it for 93 years. Her mother kept it before her, and her grandmother before that."

The Berkshire National Bank of North Adams.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Berkshire National Bank will be held at their banking house in North Adams on

Tuesday, the 11th day of January next, at 10 o'clock, a. m., for the following purposes, to-wit:

First, to choose directors for the ensuing year.

Second, to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

W. W. BUTLER, Cashier.

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 6, 1906.

POPULAR WITH CONGRESSMEN.

George P. Lawrence Knows How to Make Friends at Washington as Elsewhere.

Good news of George P. Lawrence's popularity comes from Washington, as does also proof of his highly developed common sense in adapting himself to new conditions. In a recent dispatch to the Boston Journal, "Coolidge," the special correspondent at Washington, says this of the new congressman:

"Congressman Lawrence is making any number of friends at the very beginning of his Washington career, and the old stagers prophesy already that the new man from North Adams will stand well up in the House. It is not often that a new congressman has an opportunity to be heard on the very first day of his services, but this fortune happened to Lawrence, and he acquitted himself in a way to attract notice. It was a simple thing, the announcement of the death of his predecessor, during the recess, but he carried himself so gracefully and performed his part with so much appropriateness that he had gained a degree of favorable reputation before he had been sworn in on his oath.

"Congressman Weymouth has taken the new member in charge and is piloting him through the departments and showing him the ropes generally. An apt pupil could not have a more competent teacher, for the Fitchburg congressman has become an expert in threading business through the devious labyrinth of department red tape. Lawrence has learned for one thing that a new congressman is in somewhat the position of a college freshman, and has to take his chances with what comes to him. He accepts the situation philosophically and humorously. Colonel Rowell of Lowell remarked to him in the Arlington lobby that the last time he saw him he was seated on the throne in the Massachusetts senate.

"It is different here," replied Lawrence dryly."

MR. SNYDER'S CLOTHES RACK.

To be Manufactured on a Royalty by an Ohio Firm.

T. P. Snyder has arranged with the Trumbull Specialty company of Warren, O., to manufacture his patent clothes rack on a royalty. Mr. Snyder was in Warren recently and closed the deal. The company is very solid and reliable and the arrangement will unquestionably be a good thing for Mr. Snyder, who is not in a position to manufacture the article to advantage and who could find no one in these parts to take hold of the project on satisfactory terms. The patent was granted two years ago and enough of the racks have been made and gone into use to prove that it is an article of practical value. Under the terms of the agreement Mr. Snyder has the privilege of selling the rack in any part of New England. He worked hard to develop and perfect the rack, and it is the hope of his friends that it will bring to him very substantial returns, as he is an honest, industrious and deserving man.

BRIDGE OPENED AT LAST.

Molorman Day and Conductor Dineen Ran the First Car Across.

The main street bridge was opened to teams and pedestrians Saturday and the first car was run over it Sunday at 12.35 p. m. The car was in charge of Molorman Day and Conductor Dineen. President Richmond and Superintendent Nary were on board and Nathan Smith, who has been employed as a watchman on the bridge, climbed upon the front step of the car and rode across. The opening of the bridge is greatly appreciated by the public.

District Court.

The following cases were in court this morning:

James Keeson, John Daley, Michael Kennedy, William and Joseph Blair, disturbing the peace and assault, Nenson was discharged and the rest were fined 10 for assault and \$5 each for disturbing the peace.

John A. O'Brien of Adams, drunkenness, fined \$3.

Arthur Buxto, 16 years old, drunkenness, continued until December 23.

Living Bardin, drunkenness, placed on file.

John Battis, keeping a liquor nuisance, fined \$50.

Joseph Sansonette, bastardy, continued until December 27.

Thomas Bingham, drunkenness, fined \$10.

Bert Adams, larceny of a pair of gloves from the Wilson house sample room, fined \$5.

A Large Ice House.

Michael Mausert has leased the pond above the Red Mills in Clarkburg, owned by Mr. Roberts and has purchased a piece of property opposite Charles Stevens' residence. According to the report of the state board of health made some time ago the only pure ice furnished in this city was that cut in Clarkburg and so it is that Mr. Mausert intends to get as large a supply of ice from that place as he can. On the piece of property which he purchased he will erect a large ice house 150x125 feet and it will be 40 feet high. It will be the largest ice house in this vicinity.

Miss Minnie Sullivan returned this week from the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston.

Town Talk.

"Best coal, fresh supplies received every day. Orders promptly filled. Call, write or telephone T. W. Richmond's coal and wood office."

Just the thing for an Xmas present the Orient bicycle. Best wheel on earth. Fridge of bicycle livery sole agent. Easy terms. 22 Summer St.

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We have a fine supply of sorted hard wood, both sawed and split. Call, write or telephone T. W. Richmond's coal and wood office."

Hot waffles, piping hot with maple syrup, at Hosford's, day and night.

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE.

Fitchburg Railroad.

Corrected Nov. 15, 1897.
Trains leave North Adams going East—12.37, 1.18, 7.29, 9.03, a. m., 1.24, 4.01, 5.05, 6.00 p. m.
Going West—7.30, 10.05, a. m., 12.30, 1.24, 5.00, 6.05, 11.45, 12.30, a. m., 12.10, 1.24, 6.00, 10.05, 11.45, 12.30 p. m.
Train Arrive From East—10.05, a. m., 12.10, 1.24, 6.00, 10.05, 11.45, 12.30 p. m.
From West—12.37, 1.18, 7.29, 9.03 a. m., 1.24, 4.01, 5.05, 6.00, 6.05, 7.00 p. m.
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3. Sunday only.

New York Central R. R.

Leave North Adams via B. & A. R. R. for New York City 6.30 a. m., arrive N. Y. City 11.55 a. m.; leave N. Y. City 1.15 p. m., arrive North Adams 5.20 a. m.; arrive N. Y. City 8.42 p. m.; leave North Adams 3.00 p. m.; arrive N. Y. City 8.42 p. m.; Sunday train leaves North Adams 1.25 p. m., arrive N. Y. City 8.42 p. m.
Post Fitchburg and North Adams special trains leave N. Y. City at 8.00 a. m. and 3.30 p. m. (Sundays except Sundays, arriving in North Adams at 12.35 p. m. and 6.05 p. m.)
Leave North Adams at 9.15 a. m. arrive North Adams 4.30 p. m. F. J. Wolz, General Agent, Albany, N. Y.

Boston & Maine Railroad.

AT GREENFIELD.
For Springfield, Northampton, and Holyoke 6.20, 7.10, 10.00, 11.15 a. m., 1.01, 3.05, 4.12, 5.20 p. m.
Sundays 6.20, 8.40 a. m. For Deerfield, Whately and Hatfield, 1.10, 11.15 a. m., 1.00, 4.12 p. m. Sundays 6.40 a. m.
For South Vernon Junction, 8.22, 10.22 a. m., 1.22, 3.20, 4.24, 9.15 p. m. Sundays 4.50 a. m., 1.22 p. m.
For Deerfield, Holyoke Falls, and Windsor, 10.22 a. m., 1.22, 4.54, 9.15 p. m. Sundays 4.50 a. m., 1.22 p. m.
For stations between White River Junction and Lyndonville, 10.22 a. m., 1.22, 9.15 p. m. For Newport and Sherbrooke, 10.22 a. m., 9.15 p. m.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—Charles Miller is assisting in Gatslick's store during the rush of holiday trade.

—The regular meeting of the F. M. T. A. society will be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

—There is good skating at Hoscoe Valley park and the young people are taking advantage of it.

—The Pastime Social club has engaged Grand Army hall for the evening of January 14, when a social and dance will be held.

—A hop will be held Tuesday evening at Grand Army hall by a company of young society people. The hall will be prettily trimmed.

—Henry G., the five-years-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Villeneuve of Greylock, died Sunday and the funeral occurred this afternoon.

—Miss Annie McPartlin of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., is in the city calling on friends prior to leaving for New York where she is to take a course of vocal instruction.

—W. H. Dobson and John Sheehan of the local masons and bricklayers union will go to Peoria, Ill., the first week in January, to attend the annual convention of his organization.

—G. T. Fletcher, agent of the state board of education, was in this city Friday and visited the various schools. He had previously visited the schools and held teacher's meetings in Lenox, Stockbridge and Adams, and found all of them in good order.

—Beginning today and continuing until after the holidays the street cars will run every 20 minutes afternoons and evenings for the accommodation of holiday shoppers who are called to the city in large numbers from all quarters by the superior inducements offered by our merchants.

—Eight young men went to Hoosick Falls, N. Y., Saturday night to see a game of basket ball, in which considerable interest is being awakened in this city. As has before been stated, teams have been formed by the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows, and practice will begin in Odd Fellows' hall Wednesday evening. The game bids fair to become popular here and it is probable that more teams will be organized before spring.

If the Observer had taken notice of the crowds that thronged Tilton's store on Saturday afternoon and evening, he or she would have realized that Xmas shopping had begun in earnest and if they wished to purchase holiday articles—and get the best selection at Tilton's, no time was to be lost.

Procrastination

is the thief of profits. Day after day it steals the profits of the man who waits until tomorrow to advertise. THE TRANSCRIPT reaches people who have money to spend. It is the Home Paper of North Adams.

HOW FUNNY IT WAS.

Observer Makes a Few Comments on That News Cartoon.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT—

If that young man who showed his artistic skill in the last issue of the News succeeds in getting through college he, no doubt, will achieve a greatness that rarely falls to the lot of man. Without doubt he will be compelled to leave his native community, as his field will be too limited to demonstrate his greatness. If it is a natural gift he possesses he will probably never finish his course. As he has so much latent power which he can bring to the front as occasion may require, it would be useless to waste any time or money to conquer any of the other branches. He puts the old masters all in the shade. While it was so funny still it was instructive, no doubt, to those well advanced, but some must have misconstrued its teaching and thought it was to make Hamer votes. How stupid some people are to think that such a wonderful production could be considered in such a light. Then there is another class that elicit it reminds them of the boy who, after repeated warnings from his father was told not to go near the heels of a certain coat. But the boy thought differently and when he had an opportunity he thought he would investigate for himself. Soon after he heard himself suddenly strike the side of the barn with his feet where his heads was wont to be, with both eyes closed and his nose at an angle of 45 degrees. After several weeks he could begin to see a little and the scars were very numerous. He asked his father if he thought he would look as he did before. His father said: "No, John, but in my opinion you will know a d—t sight more." It is this last class should happen to be correct then it is possible that the artist, and even the News may know more about making mayors for North Adams than they have demonstrated thus far.

THE BEST

Repertoire Company Ever Seen in This City at the Columbia Tonight.

The Miles Ideal Stock company will open a week's engagement at Columbia opera house tonight in "Michael Strogoff." The company numbers 18 people and are headed by John E. Miles, who will be remembered here as the support of Alexander Lavin. In "The Three Guardsmen." Another member of the company is Jack Tucker, who is known here as the clever comedian of the Ethel Tucker company. The repertoire of the week is a very strong one. Matinees will be played every day at 2.30 p. m. Admission 10 cents to all parts of the house. Tonight is ladies night and reserved seats can be secured at Bartlett's drug store.

For a Ladies' Night.

Invitations are out for a ladies' night to be held in Division 10, A. O. H. hall on Eagle street Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. It will be held under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus and a pleasant evening is expected.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Godfrey of this city are visiting relatives in Westfield.

Woman in the Case.

London, Dec. 20.—The fiancée of William Arthur Prince, who murdered William Terriss, the actor, as he was entering the Adelphi theater last Thursday evening, attributes the crime to a long-standing jealousy of Terriss, whom Prince believed to be responsible for the rebuff his advances had received from the leading lady of the Adelphi three years ago, when Prince was employed there as a "supper." His advances became so persistent that the lady complained to the management, which resolved to discharge Prince; but Terriss intervened and the dismissal was delayed. Prince misunderstood Terriss' action in the matter and resolved upon revenge.

Another Murder Mystery.

New York, Dec. 20.—Circumstances, pointing to a murder of unusual horror, were recently brought to the attention of District Attorney Olcott and Capital McCusky of the detective bureau, the alleged victim in the case having been Peter Doggett, 30 years old, who, if his relatives are justified in their stories, was thrown into a dough mixing vat at 25 known concentration in Southern, Cal., at Aug. 26 last and literally cut to pieces. Doggett's sister, the police have been told by her and her lawyer, has received a letter from her mother in Ireland in which the writer says the only witness of the crime is now there.

Was a Free Spec. Dr.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 20.—Thomas Hanlon, 68 years of age, died last night from the effects of a number of opium pills which he swallowed Saturday and from inhaling gas in his room at a local hotel. Hanlon came here a week ago and registered as from Washington, D. C. He represented himself as a pensioner, engaged in advance, and spent money liberally until Saturday, when his supply became exhausted and he resorted to suicide.

HE BUYS THE PROPERTY.

Edwin Rogers is Now the Owner of Hotel Madockawando.

The friends of Edwin Rogers and patrons of Hotel Madockawando on Heron Island, Me., will be pleased to hear that he has purchased the hotel and annex. Mr. Rogers has during the past eight years, six of which he had the assistance of Mrs. Rogers, brought this property from obscurity to a place in the front rank of hotels on the coast of Maine. This purchase gives Mr. Rogers a permanent summer home, where he hopes to continue to meet and care for old friends and new. That he may be spared many years to take his summer vacation on Heron Island by the sea is the wish of his many friends here and elsewhere.

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Local News!

ROWE.

Miss Catherine Sitterly died last Saturday and was buried from the house of her son, R. H. Sitterly. The interment was in Whitehall. Mrs. Sitterly was 95 years and 6 months old, the oldest person in town.

High water Tuesday night caused considerable damage on the roads. Some seasonal work clearing the ditches would save dollars to the town.

A. A. Shippee has put in a United States Cream Separator. Eugene Adams has also added that convenience to his dairy.

A Christmas service with trees will be held in Town Hall, Christmas Eve.

SINGS ONLY IN HER SLEEP.

After Fifty Years She Sings the Old Song Again, but Does Not Hear Them.

From away down the coast of Maine, where the mystic tide ebbs and flows so fiercely, North Oustine, comes a story from a correspondent strange and unaccountable. He writes that Mrs. Lucretia M. Judson, the once favorite singer of Portland, has regained her sweet voice after nearly 50 years' silence. Although she hears it not herself or knows why or when it happens, songs when told by other her voice is the same, and she sings the same old songs she used to charm the listeners with 50 years ago.

In many parts of Maine Mrs. Judson was recognized in her early days as possessing a sweet soprano voice. She was the recognized leader in this section of the country, and often received invitations to sing in the churches at Portland, Lewiston and Bangor.

One day a few years after her marriage her voice left her, and she seemed to lose all ear for music. Since that time she has never been known to sing. Many a time she has been heard to lament the loss of her voice, for she loved music so well.

A few weeks ago Mrs. Judson came to visit a neighbor while a revival was in progress a few miles from her home. After bedtime Mrs. Lynch heard the sweetest song she ever listened to. It was one of the old love songs of her youth. "I've wandered today to the mill," etc. She was charmed and surprised. The sound came from Mrs. Judson's room. Next morning she asked Mrs. Judson to sing the same song again. She was astonished to hear the lady say that she could not and had not sung for 50 years or more.

"Why, I heard you singing last night," said Mrs. L.

"Oh, no, you didn't," answered Mrs. Judson. "If you did, I must have been asleep; for I don't know a thing about it." The next night she sang a woe of another of her favorite songs. She asked Mrs. Lynch to call her if such a thing occurred again, for she did not believe it could be possible. While Mrs. Judson was filling the night with song Mrs. Lynch crept stealthily to her room. The lady was sitting up in bed, her eyes closed and was singing as if her whole soul was in her song. Mrs. Lynch hadn't the heart to wake her up and listened with delight until she had finished a set and beautiful cadence.

Next morning the lady went to her home at Pierce's Pond, and her husband is delighted, for he says she sings heavily every night one of the old time melodies. When awake, the lady has no ear for music any more than if she had never been a singer.—Bangor Commercial.

Imitation staves, made of compressed wood pulp, are used for roofing in Christianity. They are made waterproof by a secret process.

A Memorial Bell Tower.

A remarkable college memorial is the bell tower to contain a chime of 11 bells which is being built on the grounds of the Iowa Agricultural college at Ames. It is in memory of Margaret McDonald Stanton, wife of the professor of political economy in the college. The tower is being built by the state in appreciation of Mrs. Stanton's services as an educator and as a founder of the college. The bells are to be the gift of Professor Stanton. Woman's title to official appreciation seems to be frankly recognized in Iowa.—Harpur's Weekly.

FIRE OF LIFE IN HIS HAND TOUCH.

Dr. Parker Reviving the Sick in North Adams.

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The Story of a Kiss.

Here is an old Chaucerian story of a kiss: A man was walking along one road and a woman along another. The roads finally united into one, and reaching the front of junction at the same time they walked on together. The man was carrying a large iron kettle on his back. In one hand he held the legs of a live chicken, in the other a cane, and he was leading a goat. They neared a dark ravine. Said the woman: "I am afraid to go through that ravine with you. It is a lonely place and you might overpower me and kiss me by force." Said the man: "How can I possibly overpower you and kiss you by force when I have this great iron kettle on my back, a cane in one hand, a live chicken in the other and am leading this goat? I might as well be tied hand and foot." "Yes," replied the woman, "but if you should suck your cane in the ground and tie your goat to it and turn the kettle bottom up and the chicken under it, then you might wickedly kiss me in spite of my resistance." "Success to thy ingenuity, O woman," said the rejoicing man to himself. "I should never have thought of this or similar expedient." And when they came to the ravine he struck his cane into the ground and tied the goat to it, gave the chicken to the woman, saying, "Hold it while I cut some grass for the goat." And then—so runs the legend—lowering the kettle from his shoulder he put the fowl under it and wickedly kissed the woman, as she was afraid he would.

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She—May I ask what it was?
He—Will you promise to keep it secret?
She—Yes.
He—Well, they failed to send me an invitation.—Collier's Weekly.

A Memorial Bell Tower.

A remarkable college memorial is the bell tower to contain a chime of 11 bells which is being built on the grounds of the Iowa Agricultural college at Ames. It is in memory of Margaret McDonald Stanton, wife of the professor of political economy in the college. The tower is being built by the state in appreciation of Mrs. Stanton's services as an educator and as a founder of the college. The bells are to be the gift of Professor Stanton. Woman's title to official appreciation seems to be frankly recognized in Iowa.—Harpur's Weekly.

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A STRANGE PEOPLE.

WHO AND WHAT WERE THE CLIFF DWELLERS OF COLORADO?

They knew the Secret of the Preservation of Dead Bodies—Had a Skill Equal to That of the Egyptians—The Family in the Capitol Building at Denver.

Few people in Colorado perhaps are aware of the fact that within this state are found the remains of a prehistoric race, preserved by a system of embalming which, while somewhat different from that of the ancient Egyptians, has proved equally effective in combating the ravages of decay. Many know that southwestern Colorado was, hundreds of years ago, populated by a race of cliff dwellers, and the ruins of their homes on the Rio San Juan, near Montezuma, are annually visited by thousands of inquisitive tourists. It is not generally known, however, that these people attained to such a degree of perfection in the art of preserving the remains of their dead that even now, centuries after they were placed in the tomb, the only indication of the lapse of time is in the withered and dried up appearance of the skin.

In the rooms of the State Historical society, at the capitol building, are four of these mummies, the most interesting specimens yet discovered. Those who have read with interest the results of the labors of archaeologists in Egypt, whose every discovery of this character is disseminated in the journals and magazines throughout the world, will be repaid a visit to the capitol building. Were the history of this strange people known and their records preserved the four mummies in the rooms of the Historical society might prove to be the remains of a family equally royal and renowned in their own country with the Pharaohs of Egypt. In fact, when they form a family group it is evident. There are the father and mother and two children, probably 3 to 5 years of age. Not all the dead of this race were thus preserved. In an adjoining cave are hundreds of human bones, representing the remains of those who did not rank high enough in the cliff dwellers' world to be thus carefully protected from the effacing fingers of time. It is therefore not improbable that this family was of the royal blood.

The extraordinary fineness of the embalming wrappings is a further evidence of this fact. Unlike the ancient Egyptians, this wrapping consists not of many folds, but a single garment carefully sewed to shut out the air. The embalming robe in which the remains are shrouded is composed of a groundwork of cord made of the fiber of the yucca plant and closely woven. In this are interwoven feathers, or, rather, the finest down from some species of bird. Each feather is carefully woven in an upright position, and so closely are they placed that neither air nor water can penetrate the cloth. To make one of these robes with the crude methods employed, all being done by hand, must have been a labor of years, and it is probable they were of almost priceless value. Tens of thousands of feathers would be required for each robe.

This feather cloth is evidently indestructible showing no signs of decay. It is of a light brown color, with occasional streaks of white.

Of the mummies, those of the mother and children are the best preserved. The woman's long black hair hangs down over her shoulders, and teeth and skin are in a perfect state of preservation. But the most remarkable specimen is that of one of the children, which appears to have been about 3 years of age. Were it not for the peculiar parchmentlike appearance of

skin it would seem that the child had been dead but a few days. Even the lips have not decayed, and the fact that the eyes are missing is not noticeable, for the closed lids are still intact. Hair and eyebrows are preserved seemingly as in life. The frontal development of the head of this child is most remarkable, bulging out over the eyebrows, a quite unusual case with this people. The head displays every indication of a more than ordinary intelligence.

Another remarkable specimen is that of a newborn infant, from which the wrapping has been entirely removed, and in which there is not the slightest trace of decay.

They were a diminutive race, the remains of the two adults measuring not more than 4 feet in length.

These remains were discovered in a tomb cut in the solid rock and carefully sealed at the mouth. As in the tombs of the royal Egyptians were placed jewels and articles of gold and silver, so in this were buried evidences of the belief that the dead would require in the future state some of the things to which they had been accustomed in life. The cliff dwellers did not work in the metals, but with their dead were interred articles of pottery and basket work and various implements of bone and flint, to aid them in their journey to the unknown.

About the burial places stone slabs are set in the ground and arranged in circles or parallelograms, and on these are inscriptions etched or painted in the picture language. These appear also upon the walls of the tomb mentioned. Here is an opportunity for the experts to unravel the secrets of the dead, and he who decipher these inscriptions may give to the world as startling and interesting a story as was ever unearthed by the most ardent archaeologist who has labored in Egypt.

Who were these strange people? The question has never been satisfactorily answered. Some hold that they were of the Aztec race, others that there was once a great Pueblo empire in the southwest, of which they were a part, while still others assert that the cliff dwellers were a separate and distinct people of whom no posterity now survives. —Denver Post.

Packing the Scold In Old Times.

The last instance of curing scolds by ducking them carried out in this country was in 1841, at Kingston-on-Thames. A contemporary newspaper records such an event in 1775. "Last week a woman that keeps the Queen's Head alehouse at Kingston, in Surrey, was ordered by the court to be ducked for scolding and was accordingly placed in the chair and ducked in the river Thames, under Kingston bridge, in the presence of 2,500 or 3,000 people."

In Queen Elizabeth's time ducking was the universal punishment for scolds, and it appears that each town had then at least one of these penitential chains in ordinary use. Dr. Johnson once said to Mrs. Knowles, "Madam, we have different modes of restraining evil—stocks for the men, a ducking stool for women, and a pound for beasts." —Westminster Gazette.

The Missing Requisite.

"Why don't the Millers stop leading the life he is and settle down?"

"Impossible. He'd have to settle up first." —Brooklyn Life.

WINTER FASHIONS.

What Is to Be Worn While Cold Weather Holds Sway.

Fur robes are a feature of many outside garments, fur collars being, of course, an accompaniment. Very thick hosiery, finished with groups of tails in front, are much worn, as are ostrich plume hats also.

Fur being exceedingly fashionable, it is to be found in every quality and at all

prices. Cheap fur is always a poor investment, for it is usually doctored with dyes and chemicals to such an extent that it has no durability. All varieties of fur are worn, from golden sable to disguised cat-skin. Blue fox—which is peculiarly trying to most complexions in point of color—is favored, and is very beautiful, either in the form of detached bands and pelerines or as a trimming for dark, short pile furs.

When fur is used for the decoration of gowns, it is nearly always employed in narrow bands, being placed at the edge of the skirt, basque, collar, cuffs and rovers. Astrakhan, caracul, light otter, chinchilla



WINTER COSTUME.

and tails of mink, sable and fox are used, and are often arranged in narrow lines, followed by passementerie or embroidery.

For outside garments fur bands are made wider. Mongolie, skunk, otter, sable and blue fox are preferred and are seen on wraps made of velvet, cloth, rich satin and brocade goods.

The illustration given today shows a costume of garnet wool goods, in which are woven black satin lines. The foot of the skirt is finished with a narrow plaiting of black satin. The blouse is closed under three black satin plaitings and has a large rever of garnet velvet. The belt, collar and tight sleeves are of garnet velvet, the belt having a gold buckle. The soft, felt hat, light gray in color, has a band of garnet velvet and a cluster of black boq plumes.

JUDIE CHOLLET.

Cruel Girl.

Rich Parvenu—Wouldn't it be splendid if I were to catch a lord?

Friend—Yes. Then you would be a lady.—Punch.

A GLAD PROSPECT.

He Offered the Best That His Thin Form Would Allow.

His wife had fought for a long time against acknowledging that he was not one of the most open handed husbands in the country. She had indignantly resented the insinuation of some of her relatives that he was inclined to be "near," but she was at last compelled to admit that he has, not that unquestioning generosity that makes the ideal spouse. She had been telling him about her visit to a store where a collection of bric-a-brac and art

treasures he being offered for sale. countenance betrayed the fact that he was apprehensive, that he was afraid she was going to ask him for money to buy something. He broke into the conversation, like a man rushing to a rescue.

"It's a great misfortune, Sarah," he said, "for people to get their minds on things they can't possibly have, a great misfortune."

"Perhaps it is," she answered, "and yet they say it is elevating to think of objects of beauty, even though we cannot possess them."

"But a great many of these things you talk about don't seem to me to be objects of beauty."

"You mean the antique things."

"Yes. I suppose they are artistic, though. The theory, as nearly as I can understand it, is that the older anything gets the more artistic it is."

"That's true, in a general way."

"Well, I like to have you pleased, even if I can't altogether sympathize in your likes and dislikes. I'd like to have brass andirons and Dutch clocks and faded looking rugs and blue dishes all over the house if I thought I could afford it."

"Would you?" she rejoined hopefully.

"Unquestionably. I'd be perfectly delighted to give you some massive old style finger rings and to buy some of this cloth with pictures woven into it that most people don't care much about until you tell how much it cost."

"Perhaps some day you will!"

"No, Sarah. I'm sure I won't be able to do anything of the kind. But so long as old style things are what you are after I was going to suggest that you take that new silk dress I bought you last year and put it carefully away and save it up, and in the course of time you can bring it out as an antique and excite the envy of the neighborhood." —Detroit Free Press.



Keep in Mind QUACKENBUSH'S Great Estate Adjustment SALE.

EVERY ARTICLE in our entire stock has been marked at a price that will ensure its immediate sale. Just now we have brought forward articles that are suitable for holiday presents. Let us enumerate a few.

Ladies' Linen 12 1/2kerchiefs, hemstitched and scalloped borders, all choice new designs, regular price 25c, now marked 12 1-2c, 15c, 20c and 25c each.

Ladies' Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, best style, worth 15c, now 12 1-2c.

Fancy ribbons, all silk, former price 31c to 50c, now selling for 25c.

10 pieces Black Figured Gros Grain Silk, small and medium designs for full dresses and waists, 20c quality, sale price 15c.

50 pieces Fancy Colored Silks, large variety of designs and colorings. \$1 and 1 25 quality, now 75c.

25 pieces fancy and figured silks, satin and taffeta grounds, 50c and \$1 goods, now 35c.

We have the handsomest silk waists in the city in stripes, plaids and black, at \$1.98.

Christmas presents for the babies, fine cashmere and dandel jackets, silk embroidered at 50c, 75c.

If you don't purchase what wool dress goods you can use for some time you make a mistake.

Good assortment double-fold all-wool Dives Goods offered you at 30c per yard.

45 Inch Foreign Dress Goods, all wool, at this sale for 90c.

French Novelty 45 and 50-inch Dress Goods, former price \$1.15 per yard, now selling at 90c.

Large assortment of Muffs in all the best furs will be closed out at \$2.50 to 14.95 each, 22 and 24 inches long.

Elegant new Jackets will be sold at \$9.75 to 14.95 each, 22 and 24 inches long.

2,500 yards outing cloth, 50 quality, now only 5c.

2,000 yards yard-wide percales at 7c always sold at 10c.

3,000 yds of the 10c quality Outing cloth at 7c.

18 inch bleached toweling 4 yards for 25c.

40 and 45 bleached muslin at 6c per yard.

2 1-4 wide bleached sheeting at 12 1-2c.

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New coat ornaments 2 loops for 7c.

China lamb fur, 1 inch wide, for trimming child's coat garment, 25c.

Children's fur sets, collar and muff, \$1.19.

Fur heads for trimming, all fur 10c and 15c each.

Baby carriage robes with pockets, \$1.79 to \$1.77 each.

In every department are bargains for gifts. See them and take advantage of the great reduction sale.

G. V. S. Quackenbush & Co.,
Troy, N. Y.

A trifle overstocked!

We propose a gift a money to every buyer of an overcoat until Christmas.

10 per cent will be deducted from every purchase of an overcoat, ulster, or reefer for men and boys.

Beginning Wednesday, December 15th, until Christmas \$2.50 given you off on \$25 overcoats, \$2 on a \$20 coat, \$1.50 on a \$15 coat, \$1.20 on a \$12 coat, \$1 on a \$10 coat, 80c on a \$3 coat, 50c on a \$5 coat. All elegant coats of the best makes. Dress yourself up and make your boy happy. Call and see our elegant display of Holiday Articles

Barnard & Company, Blackinton Corner,
North Adams, Mass.

CHRISTMAS GREETING!

Never before have we been so crowded with beautiful articles suitable for a

CHRISTMAS GIFT.

We have four floors crowded to overflowing and our two large storehouses are filled to their utmost capacity.

As usual we expect our holiday trade will be very large, consequently we have secured extra help so that all may be waited on promptly and no one need go away disappointed. Our store will be open every evening until Christmas. Goods delivered at any time desired.

75 Couches

to select from, upholstered in corduroy at any price you wish to pay. We keep a first class upholsterer, so can guarantee all work.

In Parlor Sets

we know we can please you in style, and prices will be right.

500 Fancy Chairs and Rockers

to select from, prices from \$1 to \$30. Nothing better than one of these beautiful rockers for a Christmas present.

Have You Seen Those

dainty Jardiniers and Jardinier Stands? We have sold two large orders and expect more this week. Cannot be duplicated in this city for style, quality and price.

Everyone Says

our Parlor Tables beat any they ever saw. We have them in solid mahogany, oak, malachite, vernis martin, birch, onyx tables that are beauties.

If a White Enameled

Iron Bed, brass trimmed, is wanted, we have the best bed made. Always ask for the Whitcomb Bed. You cannot get it anywhere else in the city. We have the exclusive of this bed.

Dining Tables.

One large floor covered with Dining Tables. You cannot help seeing one that will suit. That \$8 claw foot we are showing is a seller.

Our Carpet Department

is filled, and many patterns to select from. Rugs, matings and linoleums at all prices.

Dinner Sets

Make your wife happy with one of our \$6 Dinner Sets. They are beauties.

Hall Racks.

Do not buy a Hall Rack until you have seen our \$10 rack.

Our Line of Chamber Suits

comprise everything made in that line from the cheapest to the very best. Our \$25 oak sets are ahead of anything ever shown in this city or any other.

Chiffoniers,

White Enameled, are just the thing to go with a White Bed. We have them also in oak, birch and ash.

The Children

are delighted every time they come to our store. They see such beautiful things in doll carriages, rocking horses, shoo fies, hobby horses, sleds, bicycles, wagons and rocking chairs.

Ladies' Desks.

Our \$2.75 Ladies' Desks in solid mahogany, quartered oak, bird's eye maple, will please. Why not make your daughter a nice present? We have them from \$4, 5, 6 and 10.

Beautiful Pictures.

If you have seen those Beautiful Pictures displayed in our store windows for a few days you can judge what kind of a line we have to select from. Prices from 20c up.

Sideboards.

We think one of our Sideboards would make a nice present. We have 50 of them to be seen, and more in our warerooms unpacked.

Liberal Discounts.

We have so many beautiful things to talk about that we hardly know where to begin or leave off. We will be pleased to show you through our establishment, and we know that we can please in any department. Our prices are lower this year than ever. Cash buyers, of course, expect Liberal Discount and our prices are the very lowest for cash.

Cabinet Book Cases

in solid quartered oak, mahogany and birch, \$8 to 50.

Banquet Lamps

with banquet globes or silk shades, \$2.50 to 25.

Acorn Stoves and Ranges Still Lead

J. H. CODY,

House Furnisher and Undertaker

22 to 30 Eagle Street.

Agent for Cunard Steamship Co.

